STATE OF RHODE ISLAND BEFORE THE RHODE ISLAND ETHICS COMMISSION

In re: Christopher Beauchamp,

Complaint No. 2014-10

Respondent

<u>ORDER</u>

This matter having been heard before the Rhode Island Ethics Commission on January 13, 2015, pursuant to Commission Regulation 1011, and the Commission having considered the Complaint herein, the arguments of the parties, and the proposed Information Resolution and Settlement, which is incorporated by reference herein, it is hereby

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED

THAT, the Commission approves the Informal Resolution and Settlement as submitted;

THAT, the Commission incorporates by reference herein the Findings of Fact and Admissions, and the Conclusions of Law, set forth in the Informal Resolution and Settlement;

THAT, the Respondent violated Rhode Island General Laws § 36-14-5(h) and Commission Regulation 5014;

THAT, the Respondent is ordered to pay a civil penalty in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

ENTERED as an Order of this Commission,

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Dated:

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INFORMAL RESOLUTION AND SETTLEMENT

The Respondent, Christopher Beauchamp, and the Rhode Island Ethics Commission

("Commission") hereby agree to a resolution of the above-referenced matter as follows:

I. FINDINGS OF FACT & ADMISSIONS

1. The Respondent was first elected to the Woonsocket City Council ("City

Council"), a municipal elected position, in November 2007, and has served continuously in said

capacity at all times hereto relevant.

2. In his private capacity, at all times hereto relevant, the Respondent has been

employed as a superintendent for Narragansett Improvement Company, Providence, Rhode

Island company providing asphalt paving and construction services.

3. On December 15, 2013, the Respondent was contacted by the Woonsocket

Department of Public Works ("DPW") to perform emergency snow removal services on

Cumberland Hill Road, Cass Avenue, and Mendon Road near the Woonsocket Middle and High

Schools. The Respondent performed said services and was paid Seven Hundred Dollars

(\$700.00) for seven hours of work by the City of Woonsocket ("City").

4. On February 16, 2014, the Respondent was contacted by the DPW to perform

emergency snow removal services on Cumberland Hill Road, Cass Avenue, and Mendon Road

near the Woonsocket Middle and High Schools. The Respondent performed said services, which

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required two days of work, and was paid One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$1,850.00) for eighteen and a half hours of work by the City.

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. As an elected member of the Woonsocket City Council, the Respondent was, at all relevant times, subject to the Rhode Island Code of Ethics in Government ("Code of Ethics"), pursuant to Rhode General Laws § 36-14-4(1).
- 2. The Respondent accepted contractual employment from the DPW to perform snow removal services on December 15, 2013 and February 16-17, 2014, which employment was not awarded through an open and public process, in violation of Rhode Island General Laws § 36-14-5(h).
- 3. While serving as an elected member of the Woonsocket City Council, the Respondent accepted contractual employment from the DPW, to perform snow removal services on December 15, 2013 and February 16-17, 2014, in violation of Commission Regulation 36-14-5014.

III. SETTLEMENT

Pursuant to the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the parties hereby agree, subject to the approval of the Commission, to the following, pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws § 36-14-13(d) and Commission Regulation 1011:

- 1. The Commission shall enter an Order and Judgment that the Respondent violated Rhode Island General Laws § 36-14-5(h) and Commission Regulation 36-14-5014.
- 2. The Prosecution will recommend, and the Respondent agrees to pay, a civil penalty in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).
 - 3. The above terms represent the full and complete Informal Resolution and

Settlement for Complaint No. 2014-10.

Teresa Giusti, Esq. (Bar No. 8006)
Commission Prosecutor
Dated: 113/15

Christopher/Beauchamp
Respondent
Dated: 1/13/15

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Tracy A. Teixeira, hereby certify that on the day of January, 2015, I forwarded a
copy of the Order and Informal Resolution and Settlement via US mail, postage prepaid, to:
Christopher Beauchamp, 37 Meadow Road, Woonsocket, RI 02895 and Gennaro J. DeLuca, 342
Logee Street, Woonsocket, RI 02895.

Signature Jacob